



**PCCS Academic Excellence Committee
Approved Meeting Minutes
Monday February 06, 2017 7:00 PM
Kennicott Building – Art Room
1531 Jones Point Rd
Grayslake, IL 60030**

Call to Order 7:00PM

Committee Chair Nick Kotzamanis

The minutes of a meeting of the PCCS Board of Directors held on Monday, February 6, 2017 in the Art Room in the Kennicott Building, 1531 Jones Point Road, Grayslake, Illinois.

Members Present

Nick Kotzamanis, Committee Chair
Ed Jamison, Secretary
Bob Bolin

Staff Present

Tony Zamiar

Others Present

Mrs Bolin
Sue Ross
Brian Conlon

A quorum was present.

Nick Kotzamanis made a motion to amend the agenda to review previous meeting minutes at the beginning of this session, seconded by **Ed Jamison**
On a voice call vote, all 'ayes' MOTION CARRIED.

Motion to Approve Agenda

Nick Kotzamanis made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by **Ed Jamison**.
On a voice call vote all 'ayes' MOTION CARRIED.

Bob Bolin made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2016 meeting, seconded by **Ed Jamison**
On a voice call vote, all 'ayes' MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion Agenda:

1. High School Placement Trends and Math Tracks

Mr. Zamiar shared with those in attendance that our feeder High Schools place our students into math based upon Teacher recommendation, map scores, entrance exams and curriculum



completed in 8th grade. The upper building has 11 different sections of math spanning all grades. Currently, PCCS 8th Grade has 30 out of 48 students on track to complete the prerequisites for Geometry placement in our feeder high schools. The MAP target score for Honors Geometry is RIT 252 in 8th grade. 9 of our 8th graders are on track to complete the geometry standards, potentially allowing entrance into the Advanced Algebra/Trigonometry track in High School. We did have some issues with how recommendations were being sent to Grayslake Central, those issues have been discussed with Grayslake Central and resolved. The upper building has 11 different sections of math spanning all grades.

Mr. Zamiar also shared some general 5-8 grade initiatives. They are continuing to use a team teaching approach. They are also continuing to improve both special needs programs and gifted programs. Effort is being made to continue to weave environmental topics into all subjects. We're sharing this work with surrounding schools, including Mundelein and Antioch. Options are being explored to make better use of space, which would help with all of these endeavors. If we can find better ways to use the space we have, we can support more diverse programs and mold programs to what the students need.

Some effort is also being invested in examining different scheduling and curriculum options. This includes looking outward at commercially available programs for both. Finding ways to divide up classes in a way that reaches all students at the proper level while not disrupting schedules has created some challenges.

New Business

Adjourn

There being no further business before the board, **Ed Jamison** made a motion to adjourn, seconded by **Bob Bolin**

On voice call - "all ayes". MOTION CARRIED at **7:45 PM**.

Respectfully submitted,
Ed Jamison
Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ed Jamison", is written in black ink.

Secretary
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